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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

REFS: A. STATE 113186. B. PARIS 14257. C. PARIS 14274.

1. FRENCH MINISTRIES ARE CLOSED MAY 4 FOR ASCENSION DAY. MINECON AND CIVIL AIR ATTACHE REACHED DE SEDOUY AND MET WITH HIM AT MID-DAY. WE PRESENTED PROPOSAL IN REFTEL A AND CAREFULLY MADE OTHER POINTS AS INSTRUCTED.

2. DE SEDOUY ASSURED US THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL, PROMPT CONSIDERATION. HE ADDED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE CONSIDERED OUR MOVE, AND THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN MADE, CONSTRUCTIVE IN THAT THE DISPUTE SHOULD BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION. HE QUESTIONED THE JUSTIFICATION FOR PAN AM'S BEING PERMITTED TO CHANGE GAUGE WHILE THE MATTER IS UNDER NEGOTIATION. WE REPLIED PER REFTEL A PARA 2.

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3. DE SEDOUY HOPED TO HAVE REPLY BY MONDAY--POSSIBLY EVEN FRIDAY--BUT COULD OBVIOUSLY MAKE NO COMMITMENT.

4. MINECON HAS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1600 HOURS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FROMENT-MEURICE. WHILE MEETING WAS ARRANGED

FOR OTHER PURPOSES, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE FRENCH
MAY TELL US SOMETHING THEN. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY
FURTHER THOUGHTS TO BE CONVEYED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
HAVING THEM BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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